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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - FRG VIEWS ON  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FRG ECON MINISTRY ASSTSEC,  
FRAU STEEG, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR TRADE POLICY  
QUESTIONS KUEHN CALLED EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR TO RELATE  
THE FOLLOWING: FRG LEARNED FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF ITS WFC DELEGATION, ASSTSEC MINAG PIRKMEYER, THAT  
A RESOLUTION WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN ROME THAT WOULD  
APPEAL TO PARTICIPANTS IN GATT, FAO, AND UNCTAD TO  
WORK FOR "AN EQUITABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IMPORT AND  
EXPORT PRICES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING A  
JUST DISTRIBUTION OF INCOMES IN THE WORLD." KUEHN  
SAID THAT SUCH RESOLUTION WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO  
THE FRG, SINCE IT WOULD PREEMPT AND PREJUDICE THE  
MTN'S. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT PIRKMEYER HAD BEEN  
INSTRUCTED TO WITHHOLD THE FRG'S CONSENT TO SUCH  
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A RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, IF IT APPEARED THAT FRG WAS

BEING ISOLATED, PIR/MEYER WAS INSTRUCTED TO WORK TOWARD A WATERING DOWN OF THE LANGUAGE WHEREBY THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD READ "TO EXAMINE QUESTION OF JUST DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME IN THE WORLD IN APPROPRIATE CASES OR WHENEVER FEASIBLE". FINALLY, THE FRG'S ULTIMATE FALL-BACK POSITION, KUEHN SAID, IN THE EVENT IT FOUND ITSELF COMPLETELY ISOLATED, WOULD BE TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAKE A UNILATERAL STATEMENT THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY IT. IN RESPONSE TO ECONCOUNSELOR'S QUESTION WHETHER FRG HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION OF US DELEGATION TO WFC ON THIS RESOLUTION, KUEHN SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT US WAS IN FAVOR OF IT.

2. QUOTING FRAU STEEG, KUEHN SAID THAT FRG FEELS STRONGLY THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, UNDER US LEADERSHIP, SHOULD MAINTAIN A SOLIDARITY ON THIS MATTER IN ROME SO AS NOT TO ENCUMBER THE MTN'S BEFORE THEY EVEN GOT UNDERWAY.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST INFORMATION ON US POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO FRG DEMARCHE.  
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